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CHANGE REQUEST 2363

SUBJECT: CWF Change for Billing for Glucose Test Strips and Supplies – Follow-up to CR 2156

Background

Glucose test strips and supplies can be billed for up to 3 months of supplies at a time. Beginning April 1, 2002, claims for test strips and supplies must be submitted with the appropriate “start” and “end” dates. The “start” and “end” dates for each claim can span across 3 months and overlap an inpatient stay in CWF.

Implementation

CWF must modify the HMO (5232), duplicates (DA05), and entitlement (5220) edits to use only the “from” date for the following HCPCS codes:

A4253 – Blood glucose test or reagent strips for home blood glucose monitor, per 50 strips;

A4255 - Platforms for home blood glucose monitor, 50 per box;

A4256 - Normal, low, and high calibrator solution/chips; and

A4259 - Lancets, per box of 100.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is July 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is July 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after July 1, 2004.

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